



Hello,

I would like to share an update with you on our in-district events, my very first bill I have introduced in the House of Representatives, and hearings that we had in the last few weeks of the 118th Congress. It is an honor to continue fighting for you!

**I introduced my first bill in the House of Representatives to Address Law
Enforcement Staffing Challenges
The 'Recruit and Retain Act**



Congressman Wesley Hunt leads Bi-Partisan Recruit and Retain Act

MAY 15, 2023

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Wesley Hunt (R-TX) and Congressman Glenn Ivey (D-MD), both serving on the House Judiciary Committee, introduced the Recruit and Retain Act. During National Police Week, Congressman Hunt and Congressman Ivey are leading a bi-partisan effort to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies that are experiencing declines in officer recruitment.

"Our brave law enforcement officers work tirelessly to keep our communities safe. They are the glue that binds the fabric of a civil society. The men and women in blue put their lives on the line every day to protect us, and they deserve our utmost respect and gratitude for their unwavering commitment to public safety. In recent years, law enforcement agencies have found recruiting new officers to be a major challenge. The Recruit and Retain Act addresses this challenge and provides real support to help law enforcement. I'm honored to introduce this pro-police bill as my very first piece of legislation in the House of Representatives," **said Hunt.**

"Recruiting and retaining highly trained law enforcement professionals is of the utmost importance. Our ability to attract and develop the best, brightest and most compassionate and dedicated men and women of differing backgrounds is vital to the health and well-being of our nation. Keeping our residents safe and promoting better relations with our citizenry can only lead to safer streets and better policing. I look forward to working with all who care about our country and a path forward for good law enforcement standards. We must incentivize hiring and keeping the people who will do the job of safeguarding us from border to Broadway and everywhere in between," **said Ivey.**

This bill will increase the recruitment of new and qualified recruits by reducing application and recruiting costs associated with finding new talent. It creates a pipeline partnership program between law enforcement agencies and local educational institutions and creates new guidance for COPS Grants for understaffed law enforcement agencies. The bill also directs a comprehensive Government Accountability Office to study recruitment and retention trends and challenges for federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

The Recruit and Retain Act has been endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, the National Sheriffs Association, Major County Sheriffs Association, Major Cities Sheriffs Association, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, and R Street.

The Recruit and Retain Act is a significant first step in assisting law enforcement with addressing their staffing needs during a time when they need it most.

I voted in favor of H.R. 2 – The Secure the Border Act of 2023

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Wesley Hunt voted in favor of H.R.2 – The Secure the Border Act of 2023. The Secure the Border Act requires 900 miles of President Trump's border wall to be built, requires a 5-year technology investment plan for security at all U.S. Ports of Entry, requires 22,000 Custom and Border Patrol Agents to be employed at all times, authorizes a record amount of funding for Operation Stonegarden, ends catch-and-release, and allows asylum seekers to be deported until their case is decided by federal courts.

*"Nearly two hundred people on the terror watchlist have attempted to cross the southern border. We've seen over six million people illegally cross the southern border under Joe Biden, and enough fentanyl seized in March that is the equivalent of more than 645 million lethal doses. All this will get terribly worse once Title 42 expires. The Biden Administration created this crisis, and we are going to fix it. H.R. 2. is the strongest border security package ever passed by the House of Representatives, and I'm proud to have voted in favor of it," **said Hunt.***

I delivered remarks in defense of American Energy during the Natural Resources Committee Hearing



As a candidate for President, Joe Biden said, “we are going to ban fossil fuels.”
When tyrants speak, believe them. This is the only campaign promise he intends on keeping.

Watch the Committee Hearing clip [here!](#)

I attended a reception at the Tomball Chamber of Commerce in TX-38 to speak with our hard-working teachers and first responders



Thank you to all of those who joined me. Your continued efforts are inspiring!

Check out the event details [here!](#)

It was an honor meeting with the Sheriffs of TSRA



Texas Sheriffs Regional Alliance is a nonprofit made up of 20 current and retired TX

Sheriffs. We salute you for your service to protect the Constitution, our communities, and families. Thank you!

View the event on social media [here!](#)

I met with the Tomball ISD administration and staff



We look forward to continue building our strong relationship. Thank you for everything you do for our community! #TX38

See more about this event [here!](#)

It was a pleasure meeting with the HCA Houston Healthcare team



HCA Houston Healthcare's team employs 1000 people in Tomball providing excellent careers and opportunities for the people of TX-38. Keep up the Amazing work!

View more information about this event [here!](#)

**Congratulations Alex Choi on being this year's Congressional Art
Competition winner for TX-38**



Thank you to all who joined me for our reception, the future is bright for these young and talented individuals.

Check out more details on the Congressional Art Competition [here!](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley Hunt', with a large, stylized 'H' and 'W'.

Rep. Wesley Hunt
Member of Congress

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